

Business Briefs

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Mission Statement

To act as a recommending body to advise the Village Board and Staff on ways to develop a positive business climate, consistent with the existing residential character of the community, which will encourage the retention of existing businesses and promote and assist in the growth and development of new businesses. The BREDC will seek to build relationships among the Village Board, Staff, commercial developers, various associations of commerce and industry and Burr Ridge businesses that encourages an exchange of information, the promotion of the Village as a viable location for new investment and the development of policies which will provide the impetus for the retention/expansion of the local tax base and employment opportunities.

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Smoking Ban in Effect



As of July 8th, smoking is banned in all enclosed public places, places of employment within Burr Ridge, all Village vehicles and buildings, and certain unenclosed public places such as the seating areas of outdoor arenas and school grounds. It also bans smoking within 15 feet of public parks and recreation areas, public entrances, open air dining areas and outdoor venues while an event is taking place. The ordinance does not prohibit smoking

in private residences, rooms rented for the purpose of living or sleeping quarters, outdoor parades and picnics (defined as six or more people), and it excludes any person who is temporarily in such an area for the purpose of walking or traversing through such area. The Smoking Ban Ordinance was approved on Monday, April 10, 2006 by the Village Board of Trustees. A copy of the Ordinance is available on the Village's website, www.burr-ridge.gov, under "Community News."

Village Center Groundbreaking, Sales Launch Successful

Opus North has broken ground on the Village Center conducting excavation at the site. It is expected that removal of dirt and related work will continue through July before any further construction can begin. Village staff anticipates that the building permit application process will begin this month.



Mayor Grasso and the Board of Trustees at the Village Center Groundbreaking May 11, 2006

After a very successful sales launch on Saturday, June 5th,

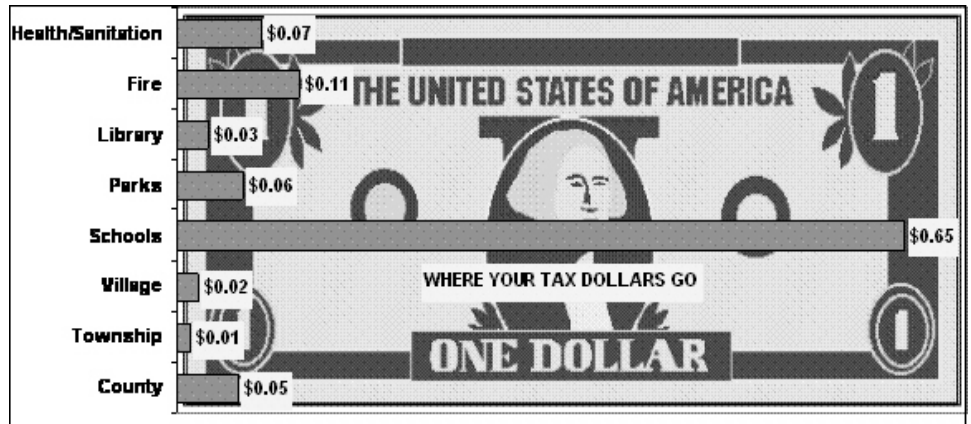
Opus North surpassed its residential sales requirement in order to begin construction. At its sales launch, 113 condominiums above first floor retail in two of the three residential buildings were available for purchase. To date, 86 units have been sold. Opus North is moving forward with plans for a sales launch on the third residential building and hopes to announce it soon. Retail leasing efforts have also been successful with J Jill, Yankee Candle, Ann Taylor Loft, Chico's, Soma, White House/Black Market and Eddie Bauer committing to the project.

The Village Center is a mixed use "downtown" district featuring an open air shopping experience characterized by upscale retail and restaurants along the main street. The project will include 191,000 square feet of retail space, 25,000 square feet of restaurants, 33,000 square feet of office space and 172 condominium units in seven buildings. For more information, please visit the developer's web site www.BurrRidgeVillageCenter.com.

Village Board Considers Public Safety Referendum

For more than two years, the Village's Ad Hoc Space Needs Committee has analyzed the most effective way to provide needed additional space and updated facilities for our Police Department. Recently, a Public Safety Committee was formed to discuss ways to enhance Police service to residents and businesses. Options include additional Officers, updated equipment and the possible introduction of passive video surveillance in certain areas.

Unfortunately, each option costs more than the Village currently has available and new revenue sources must be found. With this in mind, the Village Board will be considering several ways to increase revenue including a referendum to increase the sales tax by $\frac{1}{2}\%$. What would be the effect of a one-half percent increase in sales tax on your business is that for every \$100 spent, it will cost the taxpayer an additional 50¢. As the Board proceeds with this discussion they feel the input of the business community is very important. For a referendum to appear on the November ballot, the Village Board will need to make a decision no later than September 5th. Your comments in regard to the impact that a $\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in the sales tax would have on your business would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to email Mayor Grasso at ggrasso@grassodunleavy.com with a copy to the Village Administrator, Steve Stricker, at sstricker@burr-ridge.gov. Questions can be directed to Mr. Stricker at (630) 654-8181, extension 100.



Where your Property Taxes Go: Only 2¢ of every dollar goes to the Village

50th Anniversary Sponsorship Opportunities, Banners Available



The 50th Anniversary Committee has been busily raising money to offset the cost of the celebrations and raise funds for the Veterans' Memorial through corporate sponsorships and private donations. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, including banners featuring your company's name. Already, 20 banners have been hung along County Line Road and Burr Ridge Parkway. To purchase a corporate banner or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, call Lisa Scheiner at (630) 654-8181, extension 105.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the generosity of its corporate sponsors, including the law firm of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Masterfoods U.S.A., Frank Novotny & Associates, Alliance Mechanical, Beechen & Dill Builders, Codilis & Associates, Coglianese Funeral Home, Five Seasons Country Club, the law firm

of Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian, Nemec & Hoff, Harris - Burr Ridge, Napleton Dealership Group, Oak Brook Bank, Pasquinelli Homes, Praxair, Production Plus Technologies, Roberts Pipeline, Rotary Club of Hinsdale, Sentry Therapy Systems, Turano Baking, Tuthill Corporation, W.H. McNaughton Builders, Balducci's Restaurant, Best Quality Cleaning, Clarke Mosquito Control, Downes Swimming Pool Company, Dynamic Color Systems, Inc., Integrated Project Management, King Bruwaert House, Kirsten's Danish Bakery, Chicago Marriott Southwest Hotel, Max & Erma's, Plante & Associates, Robert Yiu Construction, ProSort, Rose Paving and Third Millennium.

Chamber of Commerce to Host Fit and Fun Fair

The Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce will host a Fit and Fun Fair on Saturday, August 19th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Burr Ridge Park District Harvester Park (15W400 Harvester Drive in Burr Ridge). The event will include an antique car show, fitness run/walk, free giveaways, activities for kids and adults and much more. To find out how your business can participate call 920-1969.

Welcome New Businesses

Join us in welcoming the following new members of the Burr Ridge Business Community: Accelerated Health Systems, Alberts Consulting Group, All Wood Closets, Balance Institute of Gymnastics, Cozzi Enterprises, First Light Production, Force Jui Jitsu & Team Toro Muay Thai, Fusion Systems, George B. Ford Agency, Great Clips Training Center, Insurance Services Offices, Kane Brothers Waterfeatures, MastroNet, Michael A. Crafts Insurance Agency, NaperRidge Partners, New Family Mortgage, NuFarm Americas, Orr Corporation, Paul Machine Corporation, Quinlan & Associates, Rasmussen College, Strategic Solutions, Wilcox Development Group, and William J. Arendt and Associates, P.C.

Handicapped Parking Fines Increase

The Village recently increased the fine for unauthorized use of handicapped parking spaces from \$100 to \$250 to comply with state law. Businesses are asked to install corrected signs in their parking lots with the new fine. Overlays can be purchased for only \$5 each by calling the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities at 1-800-433-8848. Or visit www.ccdionline.org.

Burr Ridge History Corner



In honor of the Village's 50th Anniversary, the Burr Ridge Briefs newsletter will feature information about the Village's history.

On October 20, 1956, in the garage of a residence on Drew Avenue, 143 citizens of Robert Bartlett's Estates (the one square mile area bounded by Old Route 66, County Line Road, 79th Street and the east

line of the Denmark Farm, which is now Burr Ridge Industrial Common) cast their votes on the question of incorporation. Two days later, the results were official (76 votes for and 67 against) and on October 30, 1956 the incorporation of the Village of Harvester was confirmed. The new Village had approximately 75 homes and a population of less than 300. In August 1962, the name of the community was changed to Burr Ridge. The burr oak leaf became the Village emblem. Its unofficial slogan – 'A Very Special Place' – was the title of a small book written in 1976 to reflect the Village's pride on its 20th Anniversary.

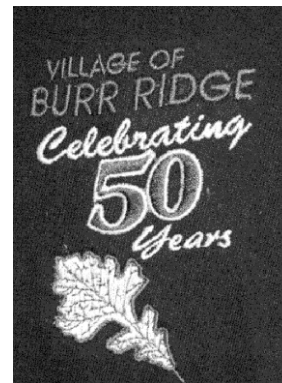
Village Remembers Sam Iorfida

We were saddened to learn of the June death of Sam Iorfida. In 1999, Sam was appointed to the Environmental Quality Commission and the Economic Development Committee, where his expertise in both areas helped shape the future of this community. Sam served on the Economic Development Committee until 2006, when an ongoing illness forced him to resign.

Citizens Police Academy Begins Sept. 7

Applications are being accepted for the 9th annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. Members of the business community are encouraged to participate. The next session begins Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. The sessions last three hours and run for ten weeks. Session topics include identity theft, firearms training, evidence collection and more. For more information or to sign up, contact Officer Angie Zucchero at (630) 654-8181, extension 322, or stop by the Police Department for a brochure and application.

50th Anniversary T-Shirts Available



Purchase your 50th Anniversary t-shirt today at the Village Hall. T-shirts are \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial. Available sizes are youth large, adult large, XL and XXL. T-shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton with custom embroidery shown at left. Call Lisa Scheiner at (630) 654-8181, extension 105 for more

information about t-shirts and 50th Anniversary activities.

Know the Code

Before you dig: Call JULIE for safety's sake. Dial 1-800-892-0123 to have utilities located before you begin any underground work on your property. There is no cost to the caller and locates will prevent you or anyone working on your property from hitting important, and potentially dangerous, utility lines.

Refuse: We urge all members of the business community to do their part to keep Burr Ridge clean by remembering that refuse containers must be within an enclosure specifically for this purpose located adjacent to the rear wall of the building and must remain covered at all times.

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ATTENTION: PRESIDENT/CEO

Save the Date!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Burr Ridge 50th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, October 14

MARRIOTT HOTEL, 1200 BURR RIDGE PARKWAY

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE HORS D'OEUVRES, DINNER, DRINKS AND DANCING TO THE TVK ORCHESTRA

Purchase your Tickets at the Village Hall

Beginning August 14th

TICKETS ARE \$100/PERSON BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

AN INVITATION WILL FOLLOW RSVP BY OCTOBER 1, 2006